RAJYA SABHA

Friday, the 5th March, 1999/14 *Phalguna* 1920 *(Saka)*

The House met at eleven of the clock,

Mr. Chairman *in the Chair.*

कुछ माननीय सदस्य : सर, बिहार के मामले पर **...(व्यवधान)...**

कुछ माननीय सदस्य : सर, बिहार के बारे में **...(व्यवधान)...**

MR. CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till 2.30 p.m.

The House then adjourned at one minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at thirty minutes past two of the clock.

The Deputy Chairman *in the Chair.*

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Brain Drain from AIIMS

*141. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last two years, a number of senior faculty members of the AIIMS have left the organisation to join private sector;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the reasons for discontentment among the AIIMS faculty members; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to check the brain drain from AIIMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (c) During the last two years (1st January, 1997 to 31st December, 1998) sixteen Faculty members have resigned/ sought voluntary retirement citing personal reasons for leaving the Institute. The details are as follows :

Professors	— 3
Additional Professors	— 4
Associate Professors	— 5
Assistant Professors	— 4

Of the three Professors, two were at the fag end of their career while leaving. As per information available with the Institute, two have gone abroad and about twelve have joined private institutions. These resignations/voluntary retirements are less than 2% per year of the total Faculty strength.

Personnel leaving for acquiring higher qualifications, better career opportunities, greater -economic gains, etc. is common feature in all institutions.

Financial Assistance on Transport of Fertilizers to Himachal Pradesh

*142. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested to provide special financial as sistance on transport of fertilizer to Himachal Pradesh on the pattern of Jam mu and Kashmir and North-Eastern States where Union Government have been meeting the extra cost of transport of decontrolled fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof, with the date of the request;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to take action on these requests; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURJIT SINGH BARNALA): (a) to (d) On a request from the State Government of Himachal Pradesh which was made on 16th August, 1997, Government of India has decided to provide additional financial assistance for transportation of potas-